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LIST OF OFFICERS.

Town Clerk,
GEORGE T. LITCHFIELD.

Selectmen, Overseers of Poor,
Board of Health,
GEORGE H. GIBNEY, HOUSTON A. THOMAS,
C. AUGUSTUS NORWOOD.

Assessors,
GEORGE H. GIBNEY, ISAAC F. KNOWLTON,
GEORGE W. FITZ.

Treasurer,
JOHN L. WOODBURY.

School Committee,
GEORGE K. KNOWLTON, Chairman,
EVERETT A. SMITH, EDWIN A. BLAKE.

Tax Collector,
CHARLES W. APPLETON.

Auditor,
HORACE E. ANDREWS.

Constables and Police Officers,
CHARLES E. WHIPPLE, GEORGE M. ADAMS,
ALFRED T. POOLE, OSCAR A. WOOD,
CHARLES H. SMITH, HARRISON E. CROCKER.

Keeper of Lockup,
GEORGE T. LITCHFIELD.

Tree Warden,
FRED. A. NASON.

Trustees of Public Library,
AUGUSTUS P. GARDNER, EDWIN A. BLAKE,
LESTER E. LIBBY.

Cemetery Commissioners,
GEORGE K. KNOWLTON, GEORGE H. GIBNEY,
FRANK C. NORTON.

Superintendent of Streets,
CHARLES E. WHIPPLE.

Inspector of Animals and Provisions,
GEORGE R. DODGE.

Surveyors of Lumber and Measurers of
Wood and Bark,
TIMOTHY A. MOYNIHAN, CHARLES E. WHIPPLE,
JONATHAN LAMSON.

Sealers of Leather,
ASA H. JEWETT, GEORGE K. KNOWLTON,
FRANK C. NORTON.

Field Drivers,
FRED BERRY, FRED P. KILHAM,
SAMUEL G. GOODHUE, JERRY F. HAWKINS,
JONATHAN LAMSON.

Pound Keeper,
ADDISON B. TOWLE.

ANNUAL REPORT.

Treasurer's Report.

JOHN L. WOODBURY, Treasurer.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand,	$2,597 29
Received from the Commonwealth	
on Corporation Tax, 1908,	167 00
On Corporation Tax,	8,686 18
National Bank,	663 02
Military Aid,	24 00
State Aid,	786 00
Street Railway Tax,	1,228 50
Loan in anticipation of taxes,	25,000 00
Sale of Cemetery lots,	95 00
Perpetual care fund cemetery	
lots, Marshall K. Abbott,	200 00
Luther F. Dane,	100 00
Elizabeth S. Brown,	100 00
Rent of Town Hall,	25 00
Circus Licenses,	5 00
Two Druggist Licenses,	2 00
Two Express Licenses,	2 00
Two Pool Licenses,	4 00
Auctioneer's License,	2 00

Commonwealth for tuition,	$19 00	
City of Boston for tuition,	76 00	
Town of Ipswich for tuition,	30 00	
Fines less officer fees,	53 95	
Telephone,	35	
Collector of taxes,	30,906 33	
Gypsy and Brown-tail moth reimbursement,	1,194 65	
State Highway Commission,	6,878 48	
Commonwealth on account Superintendent of Schools,	375 00	
D. S. Allen fund,	6 00	
C. Burnham fund,	6 76	
G. T. Haynes fund,	3 00	
M. A. Dodge fund,	3 00	
J. Kinsman fund,	2 00	
L. Whipple fund,	3 00	
Elizabeth S. Brown fund,	1 00	
Daniel E. Safford fund,	2 00	
Amos Burnham fund,	3 00	
D. E. Heath & Co., on school warrant No. 10,	14 68	
Contribution of Beverly Gas and Electric Co. toward strip of land on Railroad Ave.,	37 50	
Sale of tickets to scholars,	13 23	
Contribution from Geo. Burrough on account of Asbury street,	100 00	
H. E. Andrews, one-half sidewalk assessment ($111.20),	55 60	
		$79,471 52

PAYMENTS.

Paid Selectmen's order,	$33,156 10	
School warrants,	8,836 33	
State aid,	760 00	
Military aid,	96 00	
Soldiers' relief,	80 00	
Officers' fees by order of Court,	39 53	
Assistance, M. B. Dodge,	104 00	
Cemetery bond No. 2,	1,000 00	
Interest on same,	60 00	
Care of perpetual care lots,	29 76	
Perpetual care fund to Ipswich Savings Bank, Marshall K. Abbott,	200 00	
Luther F. Dane,	100 00	
Elizabeth S. Brown,	100 00	
National Bank tax 1908,	7 19	
State Highway,	72 05	
Commonwealth penalty,	34 00	
Town Hall bond No. 12,	1,000 00	
Interest on same,	340 00	
Schoolhouse bond No. 3,	980 00	
Interest on same,	490 00	
One-quarter 2 Druggist license,	50	
Note Merchants National Bank,	15,000 00	
Interest on same,	491 25	
Trustee of Public Library,	400 00	
State tax,	4,725 00	
County tax,	5,874 08	
		$73,975 79

Highway Department.

CHARLES E. WHIPPLE, Superintendent.

Appropriation,	$4,000 00
Street Railway Excise tax,	1,020 24
	$5,020 24

Paid Geo. M. Adams, teams and labor,	$137 03
Fred Ayers, labor,	128 70
Geo. P. Ayers, labor,	4 50
Geo. D. Babcock, labor,	138 75
Barko Mai, labor,	67 04
Fred Berry, team and labor,	235 20
Ralph Berry, labor,	74 03
Mike Bognzewski, labor,	114 80
Frank Bolawiez, labor,	29 47
Aleck Bordeau, labor,	12 37
F. H. Brailey, labor,	7 25
Joseph Breck & Son, supplies,	2 50
Buffalo Steam Roller Co., supplies,	2 50
Thos. Burns, labor,	11 76
Yenon Buzenoski, labor,	73 34
Wm. Camron, labor,	9 23
Walter Cheever, labor,	8 25
John Curtis, labor,	29 42
A. C. Cummings, teams,	150 60
Dominic Daley, labor,	14 17
Frank Dane, labor,	2 40

Arthur W. Day, team,	$42 60
Mike Daziel, labor,	20 30
B. Dodge, team,	45 60
Roy Dodge, labor,	30 38
John Dunlap, labor,	4 05
Geo. W. Fitz, gravel,	40 80
Ed. Frear, labor on square,	163 00
Wm. French, labor,	17 21
Geo. H. Gibney, labor,	20 00
John W. Goodhue, supplies,	10 21
Jerry Hawkins, labor,	30 50
John Gurezyez, labor,	26 33
Ignacy Kapszak, labor,	22 27
Robert J. Kirkwood, labor,	9 00
I. F. Knowlton, team,	48 90
Jos. Knowlton, gravel,	71 70
Albert Krimsky, labor,	98 66
Bell Krimsky, labor,	64 58
Jno. Lamson, team,	118 80
John Lerdoarvitgh, labor,	22 28
Samuel Malone, supplies,	3 00
Ed. McCully, labor,	9 67
Frank McDonald, labor,	74 24
S. E. McGlauflin, labor,	67 83
Archie Moore, labor,	62 00
Jas. Morgan, labor,	6 33
Wm. Morse, labor,	65 92
T. A. Moynihan, team and supplies,	504 80
Tony Pawl, labor,	28 36
E. Pitman, labor,	4 05

J. F. Pope & Son, lumber,	$114 88	
Frank Prince, labor,	50 40	
Jos. Robickan, labor,	23 40	
Jos. Salak, labor,	26 33	
Antonio Shebae, labor,	10 13	
Jos. Sowinsky, labor,	133 24	
Frank Stone, labor,	2 03	
Geo. W. Tibbetts, supplies and repairs,	17 20	
Arthur Tomasco, labor,	126 71	
Wm. Tomasco, labor,	124 44	
Jos. Tucker estate, gravel,	88 95	
E. A. Whipple, labor,	181 20	
Chas. E. Whipple, team, labor and gravel,	1,377 32	
Frank Williams, labor,	9 00	
	$5,254 90	
Balance overdrawn,		$234 66
	$5,254 90	$5,254 90

OILING ROADS.

Connolly Bros. contract,	$129 78
John Gaffey, contract,	161 50
C. E. Whipple, team,	108 00
Gulf Refining Co., supplies,	168 00
Fred. Berry, teams,	37 80
Geo. M. Adams, team and gravel,	20 70
T. A. Moynihan, team,	7 80
Joseph Knowlton, gravel,	3 45

Chas. Perkins, gravel,	$4 40	
Labor,	115 71	
		$757 14

HIGHLAND STREET.

Appropriation,		$500 00
Contribution Geo. Burrough,		100 00
Paid Geo. M. Adams, team and labor,	$86 63	
Geo. D. Babcock, labor,	4 50	
John Curtis, labor,	4 05	
Arthur Day, team,	46 80	
Isaac F. Day, labor,	5 00	
B. Dodge, team,	41 40	
George R. Dodge, gravel,	72 00	
Wm. French, labor,	24 30	
Jerry Hawkins, labor,	36 00	
Louis Howdab, labor,	26 33	
Sterry Kuskyusky, labor,	4 05	
Jno. Lamson, team,	36 00	
John Lerdoarvitgh, labor,	18 23	
Jesse Mann, team,	63 60	
Ed. McCuily, labor,	12 15	
Frank McDonald, labor,	18 23	
Ed. Mooney, labor,	30 38	
Archie Moore, labor,	36 00	
T. A. Moynihan, team and supplies,	42 30	
E. Pitman, labor,	18 22	
Jas. Saunders, labor,	6 07	

Jos. Sowinsky, labor,	$ 6 08	
Philip Terrio, labor,	8 10	
Arthur Tomasco, labor,	30 37	
Clarence Varnum, labor,	4 05	
Chas. E. Whipple, team and labor,	205 20	
		$886 04
Balance Overdrawn,		286 04
	$886 04	$886 04
Due from B. W. Palmer,	$100 00	
C. G. Rice,	100 00	
J. A. Lawrence,	50 00	

(Above has been paid in since January 1.)

ESSEX STREET.

Appropriation,		$300 00
Paid John Curtis, labor,	$ 8 10	
Wm. French, labor,	4 05	
I. F. Knowlton, teams	34 20	
John Lerdoarvitgh, team,	7 10	
Archie Moore, team,	10 88	
Joe Sowinsky, team,	11 82	
Arthur Tomasco, team,	1 70	
Wm. Tomasco, team,	6 07	
Chas. E. Whipple, team and labor,	70 05	
	$153 97	
Balance unexpended,	146 03	
	$300 00	$300 00

MAPLE STREET.

Appropriation,		$200 00
Paid Geo. M. Adams, team,	$21 60	
John Curtis, labor,	4 05	
Wm. French, labor,	14 17	
Jerry Hawkins, labor,	13 50	
Louis Howdab, labor,	10 12	
Forest Knowlton, labor,	8 10	
Ed. McCully, labor,	2 03	
John McDonald, labor,	2 03	
Ed. Mooney, labor,	6 08	
Archie Moore, labor,	6 75	
T. A. Moynihan, labor and supplies,	32 40	
E. Pitman, labor,	8 10	
Puritan Iron Co., catch basin cover,	9 00	
Arthur Tomasco, labor,	6 07	
Clarence Varnum, labor	4 05	
Chas. E. Whipple, team,	99 15	
	$247 20	
Balance Overdrawn,		$47 20
	$247 20	$247 20

SIDEWALK APPROPRIATION.

Appropriation,		$400 00
H. E. Andrews,		55 60
Paid Geo. D. Babcock, labor,	$6 75	
Fred Berry, labor,	5 40	
Mike Bognzewsky, labor,	6 07	

Boston & Maine R. R., freight,	$ 56 69	
John Curtis, labor,	8 10	
Dominic Daley, labor,	4 05	
F. E. Ellis, crushed stone,	33 36	
F. E. Fletcher Co., curb stones,	203 12	
Wm. French, labor,	6 08	
I. F. Knowlton, labor,	10 80	
John Lerdoarvitgh, labor,	5 06	
A. Lougee, labor,	2 03	
Frank McDonald, labor,	2 03	
S. E. McGlauflin, labor and supplies,	435 34	
Archie Moore, labor,	15 75	
T. A. Moynihan, supplies,	61 88	
Tony Pawl, labor,	8 10	
Jos. Sowinsky, labor,	11 14	
Wm. Tomasco, labor,	4 05	
Chas. E. Whipple, team and labor,	101 70	
	$987 50	
Balance Overdrawn,		$531 90
	$987 50	$987 50
Due from Abutters,	$287 48	

GUARD RAIL.

Appropriation,		$300 00
Paid Geo. D. Babcock, labor,	$4 50	
Mike Bognzewski, labor,	8 12	
John Lerdoarvitgh, labor,	8 12	
Pope & Son, lumber,	93 78	

Joe Sowinsky, labor,	$4 06	
Wm. Tomasco, labor,	8 12	
A. B. Towle, labor,	33 25	
C. E. Whipple, team,	5 40	
	$165 35	
Balance unexpended,	134 65	
	$300 00	$300 00

ROAD ROLLER.

Appropriation,		$500 00
Paid Buffalo Steam Roller Co.,	$ 12 00	
Walter Cheever, labor,	94 00	
O. J. Daniels, roller engineer,	63 00	
Zina Goodell, repairs,	31 21	
John W. Goodhue, supplies,	2 49	
Robert J. Kirkwood, roller engineer,	195 00	
Frank McDonald, labor,	42 00	
T. A. Moynihan, coal,	43 94	
Robert Robertson Co., supplies,	60	
Geo. W. Tibbetts, supplies,	16 00	
	$500 24	
		24
	$500 24	$500 24

SNOW REMOVAL.

Appropriation,		$2,000 00
Paid J. W. Burchstead, labor,	$ 1 60	
Alden B. Chadwick, labor,	80	

Frank Dane, labor,	$3 60	
Arthur W. Day, team,	11 00	
Frank Durkee, labor,	80	
Lester Durkee, labor,	60	
Leverett Durkee, labor,	80	
Francis J. Hart, labor,	2 20	
W. H. Knowlton, labor,	80	
Jonathan Lamson, labor,	2 60	
M. S. Lovering, labor,	4 20	
Frank McGregor, labor,	80	
Harry McGregor, labor,	80	
Quinn McGregor, labor,	80	
Wm. Morse, labor,	1 60	
T. A. Moynihan, team and labor,	121 00	
Jas. Pitman, labor,	4 00	
John D. Smith, labor,	1 00	
Alden L. Southwick, labor,	7 20	
Arthur W. Southwick, labor,	2 10	
J. Tucker, labor,	45	
A. E. Whipple, labor,	4 80	
F. M. Whipple, labor,	3 20	
O. A. Wood, labor,	1 20	
	$ 177 95	
Balance unexpended,	1,822 05	
	$2,000 00	$2,000 00

WILLOW STREET.

Appropriation,	$2,000 00
Balance unexpended or balance from State Highway account,	681 40

Paid Boston & Maine R. R., freight,	$1 17	
Geo. H. Gibney, expense and labor,	33 00	
Thos. Horne, stakes,	4 82	
Chas. Metcalf, engineer,	59 60	
T. A. Moynihan as per contract,	2,444 49	
Puritan Iron Co., basin covers,	54 00	
	$2,597 08	
Balance unexpended,	84 32	
	$2,681 40	$2,681 40

STATE HIGHWAY.

State Highway Loan Fund,		$6,878 48
Paid Boston & Maine R. R., freight,	$11 70	
Geo. H. Gibney, expense and labor,	207 50	
Thos. Horne, grade stakes,	3 45	
T. A. Moynihan, as per contract,	5,964 53	
Penn. Fire Insurance Co., insurance,	8 25	
C. A. Peterson, supplies,	1 65	
	$6,197 08	
	681 40	
	$6,878 48	$6,878 48

On this work the Highway Commission awarded the contract to the Town at certain prices, the Selectmen sublet the contract to the lowest bidder T. A. Moynihan at certain

other prices, thereby making a profit for the town of $681.40. Before making the contract the Selectmen were obliged to agree to furnish an outlet for drains from the Massachusetts Highway location on Main Street to ditch in C. E. Dodge's field, as there was an appropriation of $2000 for a permanent road on Willow Street which was a flat undrained location. Acting on the advice of the Engineering Department of the Highway Commission it was thought advisable to drain Asbury Street from Maple Street and Willow Street from Mill Street to the State Highway drain on Main Street, as the Highway Commission were about to place 12 inch pipe on Main Street, being sufficient for their purposes, in order to connect up with that drain the town was required to pay the difference between a 12 inch pipe and a 15 inch pipe, which was 15 cents per ft., all of which we were able to do out of the profits on the State Highway contract.

STREET WATERING.

Appropriation,		$750 00
Paid Geo. M. Adams, team and labor,	$135 00	
Globe Gas Light Co., gasoline.	10 20	
Smith, Thayer Co., repairs.	33 95	
Chas. E. Whipple, team and labor,	351 00	
	$530 15	
Balance unexpended,	219 85	
	$750 00	$750 00

STREET LIGHTING.

Appropriation,		$2,800 00
Paid Globe Gas Light Co., as per contract,	$2,229 21	
M. S. Lovering, labor,	1 60	
Chas. E. Whipple, labor,	89 87	
	$2,320 68	
Balance unexpended,	479 32	
	$2,800 00	$2,800 00

TREE WARDEN.

Appropriation,		$150 00
Paid Geo. M. Adams, labor,	$ 4 50	
Earl Brewer, labor,	12 00	
J. Colletti, labor,	4 00	
A. C. Cummings, team,	12 00	
Geo. I. Dodge, labor,	18 25	
David Fisher, labor,	8 25	
C. A. Hill, labor,	4 00	
Jas. Hughes, labor,	18 00	
M. Moran, labor,	5 00	
F. A. Nason, labor,	9 75	
P. Polaski, labor,	5 00	
Thos. Stewart, labor,	18 00	
E. A. Underhill, labor,	16 00	
	$134 75	
Balance unexpended,	15 25	
	$150 00	$150 00

GYPSY AND BROWN-TAIL MOTH.

F. A. Nason, Superintendent.

Appropriation,		$2,000 00
Allowed by the State,		1,129 22
Private Property,		999 94
State Highway,		65 43
Paid Geo. M. Adams, labor,	$107 50	
Allen & Rogers, liability ins.,	50 00	
Boston & Maine R. R., freight,	6 36	
Earl Brewer, labor,	305 56	
Samuel Cabot, supplies,	17 17	
Collins Hardware Co., supplies,	6 66	
A. C. Cummings, carriage hire,	66 50	
George I. Dodge, labor,	263 32	
John Dunlap, labor,	2 00	
W. M. Farwell, labor,	22 50	
David Fisher, labor,	457 43	
Geo. W. Fitz, wagon,	41 25	
Harry French, labor,	62 14	
Frost Insecticide Co., supplies,	193 74	
Geo. H. Gibney, labor,	28 50	
John W. Goodhue, supplies,	92 77	
Ed Haraden, labor,	2 50	
A. C. Hill, labor,	18 00	
C. A. Hill, labor,	250 75	
Jas. Hughes, labor,	116 00	
Jenny Manufacturing Co., supplies,	8 92	
Samuel Malone, repairs,	7 42	
F. A. Nason, Superintendent,	588 00	

F. A. Nason, team,	$190 58	
F. A. Nason, supplies,	8 69	
Jas. Perron, labor,	16 00	
A. J. Randall, labor,	2 90	
Thos. Rhodes, labor,	45 00	
Richards, Atkinson & Haswick, supplies,	175 08	
Robert Robertson Co., supplies,	1 15	
E. A. Russell, labor,	24 08	
Scully & Morrow, repairs,	5 75	
Smith, Thayer Co., supplies,	81 83	
Thos. Stewart, labor,	441 66	
E. A. Underhill, labor,	434 30	
Town of Wenham, spraying,	30 12	
Wright & Potter Printing Co., printing,	3 25	
	$4,175 38	
Balance unexpended,	19 21	
	$4,194 59	$4,194 59

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation,		$400 00
Paid Angie Adams, rent,	$15 00	
Geo. M. Adams, fighting fire,	8 50	
R. E. Adams,	4 05	
H. E. Andrews, supplies,	23 05	
Edmund Barker,	1 00	
Ernest Barker,	1 00	
Rufus W. Barrett,	1 13	
Chas. H. Berry,	30	

Fred Berry,	$2 00
Earl Brewer,	75
Richard Bridges,	75
Leo Brumby,	75
Paul Bryne,	1 00
Newell Burnham,	1 50
Thos. Burns,	50
Alden J. Chandler,	2 40
Frank Channell,	30
Walter Cheever,	1 00
John Cox,	3 50
Frank Cross,	75
A. C. Cummings, horse hire,	34 75
Daniel Curran,	30
Francis Dane, Jr.,	75
Frank Dane,	75
Horace Day,	1 00
Edward DeWitt,	30
Albert Dodge,	1 00
Augustine Dodge,	1 00
Emerson Dodge,	75
Harold Dodge,	1 00
P. Drycot,	1 25
Chas. Duckett,	75
Leslie Durkee,	75
Chas. Fairweather,	75
Harry French,	75
Norman Gibney,	75
R. Hall,	75
Andrew Haraden,	50
Jerry Hawkins,	1 00

Wm. E. Haywood,	$1 00
C. L. Hazlett,	75
A. C. Hill,	1 00
O. Hiller,	75
Thos. Horne,	1 50
Allen Hurd,	75
F. E. Jackson,	2 00
Frank Jewett,	75
Fred Kilham,	2 00
Clarence Knowlton,	75
Harold Knowlton,	75
W. H. Knowlton,	2 25
Albert Kninsky,	50
Geo. T. Litchfield,	1 00
M. S. Lovering,	40
A. May,	75
Jos. May,	75
Wm. McCallum,	50 00
Alex. McDonald, Jr.,	75
Frank McDonald,	1 00
A. J. McGinley, supplies,	27 43
Bligh McGlauflin,	75
S. E. McGlauflin,	25 00
Frank McGregor,	2 50
Harry McGregor,	1 50
Philip Melanson,	1 00
Ed. Mooney,	1 00
Archie Moore,	1 00
F. E. Moore,	2 00
M. Moran,	1 25
Jas. Morgan,	50

Thos. E. Morris,	$ 75	
W. F. Morris,	75	
T. A. Moynihan, coal,	8 30	
Albert Palmer,	75	
A. L. Perley, janitor,	31 38	
Frank H. Poole,	4 75	
Thos. Poole,	75	
Carl Ramsdell,	1 00	
Miles Ramsdell,	30	
Wm. Ramsdell,	1 00	
John Sanborn,	2 50	
John D. Smith,	1 00	
Standard Extinguisher Co., supplies,	3 00	
E. Stanley,	75	
F. P. Stanton, supplies,	3 48	
Daniel D. Stone,	2 00	
Lawrence Striley,	75	
Austin Thomson,	1 00	
Leland Thomson,	30	
A. B. Towle,	6 05	
F. P. Trussell,	10 55	
Frank Tuck,	75	
Wm. Tuttle,	1 50	
Shannon Vermard,	75	
Chas. E. Whipple,	2 00	
R. W. Whipple,	1 00	
Herbert Wood,	30	
O. A. Wood,	75	
	$340 02	
Balance unexpended,	59 98	
	$400 00	$400 00

Poor Department.

Appropriation,		$1,500 00
Paid H. E. Andrews, supplies for D. Flaherty,	$ 6 65	
Alvin Jowder, supplies,	3 95	
Ann Curran family, supplies,	1 00	
Edward Trussell, supplies,	2 75	
Hiram S. Back, D. Flaherty board,	37 72	
A. S. Best, Wm. Norwood family, rent,	67 50	
City of Beverly, H. Dorset family assistance,	32 90	
Beverly Hospital, A. Jowder,	14 00	
Lucy Channell, Ann Curran family rent,	50 00	
Mrs. Nelson Churchill, Wm. Norwood family,	10 00	
Frank Dane, A. Jowder board,	50 00	
Chas. H. Davis, M. D., A. Jowder, medical treatment,	16 00	
Chas. H. Davis, M. D., A. Curran family, medical treatment,	29 00	
Chas. H. Davis, M. D., A. Lougee family, medical treatment,	5 00	
Chas. H. Davis, M. D., a Pole family, medical treatment,	2 00	
Chas. H. Davis, M. D., D. Flaherty, medical treatment,	14 00	
Chas. H. Davis, M. D., Chas. Ingalls, medical treatment,	23 00	

Chas. H. Davis, M. D., Ed. Trussell, medical treatment,	$ 10 00
Mrs. Frank Eberling, Chas. Ingalls board,	40 00
Alonzo Ellis, M. D., Chas. Ingalls medical treatment,	118 50
Geo. W. Fitz, Ann Curran family, milk,	19 36
Mrs. L. Gates, Chas. Ingalls, board,	35 00
Town of Georgetown, Almon Bridges, assistance,	139 38
Elizabeth Henderson, C. Ingalls, board,	20 00
C. A. Hobbs, Ed. Trussell,	195 00
C. E. Johnson, aid traveller,	4 00
City of Lynn, Wm. Norwood family, assistance,	40 50
A. J. McGinley, Ann Curran family, groceries,	100 29
T. A. Moynihan, Curran family, coal,	7 00
Geo. Parker, Norwood family, rent,	10 00
John Perkins, Chas. Ingalls, board,	145 00
City of Salem, Chas. Ingalls,	5 00
Rich. H. Smith, Ebenezer Tinkham family, rent,	55 00
A. W. Stone, Trussell, supplies,	19 00
A. W. Stone, Jowders, supplies,	3 50

Chas. E. Whipple, Curran, wood 1908-9,	$24 50	
	$1,356 50	
Balance unexpended,	143 50	
	$1,500 00	$1,500 00

SOLDIERS' AID.

Appropriation,		$150 00
Paid P. G. Anderson, R. Bridges,	$2 75	
M. H. Eaton, M. D., R. Bridges,	4 50	
	$7 25	
Balance unexpended,	142 75	
	$150 00	$150 00

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation,		$600 00
Paid Geo. M. Adams, services,	$11 50	
H. E. Crocker,	77 50	
A. C. Cummings, carriages,	35 50	
Chas. H. Davis, M. D., medical attendance,	5 00	
Geo. G. Dexter, photographs,	60	
Geo. H. Gibney, services,	2 00	
Geo. T. Litchfield, services,	4 00	
S. E. McGlauflin, services,	30 98	
New England Telephone & Telegraph Co., telephone,	11 71	
A. T. Poole, services,	321 10	

C. E. Whipple, services,	$ 15 00	
O. A. Wood, services,	40 86	
Chas. H. Smith, services,	16 60	
	$572 35	
Balance unexpended,	27 65	
	$600 00	$600 00

TOWN HALL STEPS.

Appropriation,		$700 00
Paid E. B. Balcomb, architect,	$86 35	
J. W. Lee & Co., electric supplies,	75 74	
McKenny & Waterbury Co., electric supplies,	13 00	
N. E. Marble & Mosiac Co., as per contract,	400 00	
Paul Patten Co., as per contract,	173 00	
	$748 09	
Balance Overdrawn,		$48 09
	$748 09	$748 09

TOWN HALL.

Appropriation,		$1,000 00
Paid E. B. Balcomb, architect,	$ 9 80	
Beverly Gas & Electric Co., services,	42 30	
Boston & Maine R. R. freight,	25	

H. I. Dallman & Co., supplies,	$17 00	
John W. Goodhue, supplies,	3 95	
I. F. Knowlton, wood,	28 00	
J. W. Lee & Co., electric supplies,	19 90	
Geo. T. Litchfield, services as janitor,	187 00	
Samuel Malone, repairs,	7 50	
A. J. McGinley, supplies,	28 39	
T. A. Moynihan, coal,	183 95	
N. E. Iron Work Co., boiler work,	48 10	
A. T. Poole, painting,	98 00	
Frank R. Schaller, tuning piano,	7 00	
W. L. Smith, supplies,	10 95	
Southworth Bros., labor,	9 00	
	$701 09	
Balance unexpended,	298 91	
	$1,000 00	$1,000 00

ASH PIT, SOUTH SCHOOL.

Appropriation,		$200 00
Paid T. A. Moynihan,	$200 00	
	$200 00	$200 00

The above contract could not be carried out in full for the appropriation to the satisfaction of the School Committee, the Selectmen's department paid the full appropriation and the balance was taken from the school fund. See School Committee's report.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Appropriation,		$500 00
Paid H. E. Andrews, supplies,	$13 05	
A. C. Cummings, carriage,	11 00	
Arthur W. Southwick, quarantined,	62 00	
	$ 86 05	
Balance unexpended,	413 95	
	$500 00	$500 00

DECORATION DAY.

Appropriation,		$50 00
Paid Veteran Association	$20 00	
	$20 00	
Balance unexpended,	30 00	
	$50 00	$50 00

CEMETERY COMMISSION.

Appropriation,		$400 00
Paid E. Lawrence, balance of contract of 1908,	$32 00	
Geo. E. Roberts, care of cemetery,	49 60	
	$ 81 60	
Balance unexpended,	318 40	
	$400 00	$400 00

BONDING OFFICER.

Appropriation,		$150 00
Paid American Security Co., bonding Collector, Treasurer and Town Clerk,	$120 00	
	$120 00	
Balance unexpended,	30 00	
	$150 00	$150 00

SALARIES AND FEES.

Appropriation,		$3,000 00
Paid Geo. H. Gibney, Selectman,	$100 00	
" " Assessor,	275 00	
" " Overseer of the Poor,	75 00	
" " Board of Health,	75 00	
" " Election Officer,	5 00	
" " Journeys,	48 00	
C. A. Norwood, Selectman,	100 00	
" " Overseer of Poor,	50 00	
" " Board of Health,	50 00	
" " Election Officer,	5 00	
" " Journeys,	27 00	
H. A. Thomas, Selectman,	100 00	
" " Overseer of Poor,	50 00	
" " Board of Health,	50 00	
" " Election Officer,	5 00	

H. A. Thomas, School Committee,	$37 50
" " Journeys,	16 00
Geo. T. Litchfield, Town Clerk,	75 00
" " Registrar of voters,	20 00
" " Election Officer,	5 00
" " Journeys,	10 00
John L. Woodbury, Treasurer,	250 00
C. W. Appleton, Election Officer,	5 00
Geo. M. Adams, " "	5 00
Geo. H. Dodge, " "	5 00
Samuel Goodhue, " "	5 00
Geo. H. Haraden, " "	5 00
C. A. Peterson, " "	5 00
A. T. Poole, " "	10 00
Frank R. Schaller, " "	5 00
Phillip Scully, " "	5 00
Chas. E. Whipple, " "	5 00
F. M. Whipple, " "	10 00
F. L. Evans, Town Solicitor,	190 00
Melville Day, Registrar of voters,	20 00
Samuel Malone, " " "	20 00
A. B. Towle, " " "	20 00
G. R. Dodge, Cattle Inspector,	33 74
Geo. W. Fitz, Assessor,	133 75
I. F. Knowlton, "	112 00
Horace E. Andrews, Auditor,	80 00
E. A. Blake, D. D., School Committee,	50 00
Geo. K. Knowlton, School Committee,	75 00

E. A. Smith, School Committee,	$ 12 50	
Chas. W. Appleton, Collector,	440 96	
Chas. W. Appleton, Journeys,	5 00	
	$2,691 45	
Balance unexpended,	308 55	
	$3,000 00	$3000 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Appropriation,		$1,500 00
Paid Chas. W. Appleton, abatements,	$318 77	
Chas. W. Appleton, printing tax bills,	5 00	
Clara Appleton, postage,	30 00	
Barry Printing Co., printing,	159 35	
City of Beverly,	7 00	
Beverly Printing Co., printing,	1 75	
Chadwick & Boston Lead Co., supplies,	35	
Citizen Printing Co., printing,	6 77	
J. G. Corcoran, M. D., return of births,	1 75	
Norman J. Conrad, supplies,	6 55	
A. C. Cummings, carriages,	117 97	
Chas. H. Davis, M. D., return of births,	5 00	
Geo. H. Gibney, paid for supplies,	2 55	
W. & L. E. Gurley, supplies,	66 22	
Hobbs, Warren Co., supplies,	58 39	
Geo. T. Litchfield,	22 98	
" " clock,	25 00	

Geo. T. Litchfield, recording deed,	$ 75	
" " returning dog license,	3 00	
" " returning rep. vote,	3 00	
" " record'g births,	18 00	
" " " deaths,	11 70	
" " adm. oaths,	15 00	
" " rec'g marriages,	3 00	
F. E. Marsh, supplies,	1 50	
A. J. McGinley, supplies,	13 37	
Meek Publishing Co., directory,	4 00	
P. B. Murphy, supplies,	3 10	
N. E. Telephone & Telegraph Co., service,	38 84	
F. C. Norton, water rent,	25 00	
A. T. Poole, labor,	4 00	
Geo. E. Roberts, labor,	9 00	
Fred C. Schaller, tuning piano,	4 25	
Geo. A. Schofield, printing,	26 00	
Fred P. Stanton, supplies,	7 64	
Horace J. Stevens, abstracts,	26 12	
Lilla D. Stot, abstracts,	18 25	
Chester M. Striley, painting,	20 00	
J. M. Striley, painting,	4 20	
John L. Woodbury, repairs,	14 17	
P. E. Clark, Soldier's burial,	37 00	
	$1,146 29	
Balance unexpended,	353 71	
	$1,500 00	$1,500 00

RECAPITULATION.

Paid Board of Health,	$ 86 05
Bonding Officers,	120 00
Cemetery,	81 60
Decoration Day,	20 00
Essex Street,	153 97
Fire Department,	340 02
Guard Rail,	165 35
Gypsy and Brown-tail moth,	4,175 38
Highland Street,	886 04
Maple Street,	247 20
Miscellaneous,	1,146 29
Police,	572 35
Poor,	1,356 50
Road Roller,	500 24
Salaries and Fees,	2,691 45
Sidewalks,	987 50
Snow Removal,	177 95
Soldiers' Aid,	87 25
State Highway,	6,197 08
Street Lighting,	2,320 68
Street Watering,	530 15
Town Hall,	701 09
Town Hall steps,	748 09
Tree Warden,	134 75
Willow Street,	2,597 08
School Warrants,	8,836 33
State Aid,	760 00
Military Aid,	96 00
Officers fees by order of Court,	39 53
Assistance M. B. Dodge,	104 00

Cemetery Bond No. 2,	$1,000 00
Interest on same,	60 00
Perpetual care lots, cemetery,	29 76
Marshall K. Abbott fund,	200 00
Luther F. Dane "	100 00
Elizabeth S. Brown "	100 00
National Bank tax 1908,	7 19
State Highway tax,	72 05
Commonwealth fines,	34 00
Town Hall Bond No. 12,	1,000 00
Interest on same,	340 00
School House Bond No. 3,	980 00
Interest on same,	490 00
Quarter of 2 Druggist licenses,	50
Note Merchants National Bank,	15,000 00
Interest on same,	491 25
Library,	400 00
State Tax,	4,725 00
County Tax,	5,874 08
Ash Pit, South School,	200 00
Oiling roads,	757 14
Highways	5,254 90
	$73,975 79

Treasurer's receipts,	$79,471 52
" expenditures,	73,975 79
" balance,	$5,495 73

Auditor's Report.

January, 1910.

I have this day examined the books of the Town of Hamilton and find them according to preceding reports.

HORACE E. ANDREWS,
Auditor.

GEORGE H. GIBNEY,
C. AUGUSTUS NORWOOD,
HOUSTON A. THOMAS,
} Selectmen of Hamilton.

Tax Collector's Report.

Account of taxes with the Town of Hamilton, December 31, 1909.

Due the Town for 1908,		$3,443 06
Due the Town for 1909,		38,837 17
		$42,280 23
Paid Treasurer,		$30,906 33
Due Town on uncollected taxes, divided as follows:		$11,373 90
Due for 1908,	$1253 72	
Due for 1909,	10,120 18	
Total,		$11,373 90

This is a report for the ten month year.

CHARLES W. APPLETON,
Collector.

Assessors' Report.

We wish to call attention to several changes in the laws of the State during the past year, one is that we now receive only one-half the corporation tax on mercantile corporations. Another change is that April 1, will be the date of assessment instead of May 1, as in past years.

Also poles and wires belonging to Telephone and Telegraph Companies, either on private property or railroad locations, become taxable property.

During the past year the supervisor of Assessors, Mr. Patten, has made several visits and has given us much valuable information and various recommendations made by him will be carried out during the year 1910.

The Assessors feel that the time has come when a room should be provided for their use separately from the Selectmen, and it is proposed to fit up one-half of the room adjoining the Selectmen's with desk, safe, etc., an appropriation for which is asked for in the Selectmen's recommendations.

Value of buildings,	$1,304,900 00	
Value of land,	790,900 00	
Value of real estate,		$2,095,800 00
Value of personal estate,		1,702,620 00
Total Valuation,		$3,798,420 00
Exemptions,		$10,790 00
Tax on real estate,		$19,910 10
Tax on personal estate,		16,174 89
Tax on polls,		950 00
Total tax,		$37,034 99

Corporation tax, 1908, (claims)	$167 00
Corporation tax, 1909,	8686 18
National Bank tax,	663 02
Street Railway franchise tax,	1228 50
Street Railway excise tax,	1020 24
Gypsy moth assessment,	999 94
Tax on polls,	$2 00
Rate per $1000,	9 50
Number of horses,	404
" " cows,	233
" " neat cattle other than cows,	47
" " swine,	85
" " fowl,	3410
" " dwellings,	789
" " acres of land,	7673
" " residents assessed on property,	334
" " non-residents assessed on property,	224
" " persons assessed on polls only,	238
Total number of persons assessed,	796

George H. Gibney,
Isaac F. Knowlton,
George W. Fitz,
Assessors of Hamilton.

Town Clerk's Report.

GEORGE T. LITCHFIELD, Town Clerk.

The following hearings have been held by the Selectmen:

Apr. 12. Upon the petition of the Beverly Gas and Electric Co. for location of poles on Union Street. Granted.

May 3. Upon the petition of the Beverly Gas and Electric Co. for location of poles on Asbury Street. Granted.

June 28. Upon the petition of the New England Telegraph and Telephone Co. for location of poles on Asbury Street. Not granted.

There have been two special Town meetings, April 22 and June 16.

MARRIAGES RECORDED.

Apr. 3. Edgar J. Pitman of Hamilton and Hilga J. Erickson of Rockport.

Apr. 18. John J. Rhodes of Hamilton and Margaret McLellan of Cambridge.

Apr. 29. Fulton T. Perkins of Beverly and Elsie M. Carey of Marblehead.

May 12. James McAudle of Hamilton and Bridget McKevitt of Hamilton.

June 2. John G. Corcoran of Hamilton and Anna A. Tuck of Hamilton.

June 15. Joseph T. Barror of Hamilton and Anna Hage of Beverly.

Aug. 21. Gustaf W. Sander of Woburn and Clara Hulton of Hamilton.

Sept. 2. Frank Edwards of Beverly and Fannie R. Preston of Hamilton.

Sept. 22. Douglass H. Knowlton of Hamilton and Mae E. Schaller of Hamilton.

Oct. 12. Charles E. Woodman of Wenham and Mary L. Callely of Roxbury.

Oct. 28. Claude L. Howard of Hamilton and Annie F. Cummings of Hamilton.

Nov. 17. Harold E. Fowler of Brockton and E. Irene Pope of Hamilton.

Nov. 22. Edward B. Healy of Hamilton and Amelia M. Haxam of Hamilton.

Nov. 25. Walter C. Clifford of Wenham and Mary A. Southwick of Hamilton.

Dec. 15. Daniel W. Kimball of Hamilton and Clara A. Appleton of Hamilton.

DEATHS RECORDED.

		Yrs.	Mos.	Dys.
Feb. 2.	Charles N. Stanley		1	7
Feb. 19.	Lucy T. Robinson	71		26
Mch. 17.	Mary P. F. Striley	49	10	3
Mch. 20.	Arthur H. Dane	27	3	27
Apr. 14.	Annie E. Appleton	42	4	25
May 15.	Samuel A. Waitt	75	11	12
May 16.	Percy A. Dodge	28	7	6
June 6.	Elizzie V. Andrews	56	11	17
June 22.	Eleanor M. Collins		2	3
June 23.	Gladys M. Collins		2	4
June 27.	Angelina Crocker	72	3	6

July 17.	Helen A. Appleton	65	5	14
Aug. 5.	Raymond P. Walker	40	7	5
Aug. 12.	Daniel Roberts	87	6	27
Aug. 14.	Leon W. Crowley	4	5	14
Aug. 16.	Alice F. McRae		7	22
Aug.	—— Peterson			3
Aug. 20.	Hannah M. Mannix	64		
Aug. 23.	—— Knowlton			4
Sept. 9.	George H. Higgins	63	2	6
Sept. 30.	Viola M. Stillson		10	18
Oct. 31.	Niram Neal	98	2	17
Nov. 6.	Emily Morris	74		
Nov. 26.	Sarah A. Goodhue	84		

BROUGHT INTO TOWN.

Jan. 20. Grace A. Dearborn
Mar. 8. Leland F. Tucker
Apr. 23. Theodore Raymond
May 13. Isaac P. Knowlton
July 12. John W. Morgan
Aug. 5. Livermore Riggs
Aug. 9. William H Austin
Sept. 24. Ellen E. Rogers
Nov. 5. Alvin Smith
Nov. 11. Zerviah B. Dane

BIRTHS RECORDED.

Feb. 3, 1908. Dorothy Helen, daughter to William and Bessie Bancroft.

June 9, " Kenneth Jordan, son to Linwood and Ethel E. Estey.

Jan. 7, 1909. Ruth Marjery, daughter to Charles H. and Maud I. Davis.

Jan. 24,	1909.	Joseph Ernest, son to George E. and Margaret Lake.
Feb. 1,	"	Dorothy, daughter to Perley and Sadie Hopkinson.
Feb. 13,	"	Thomas Francis, son to James E. and Mary E. Sanders.
Mch. 9,	"	Houston Thomas, son to James J. and Susan J. Hughes.
Mch. 24,	"	Helma Jane, daughter to Clarence P. and Ethel A. Butman.
Mch. 29,	"	Evelyn Mary, daughter to Egbert L. and Nellie M. Hatt.
Apr. 8,	"	(Removed from Town) daughter to Ralph B. and Katherine Haskell.
Apr. 19,	"	Gardner James, son to James E. and Hattie S. Dodge.
Apr. 29,	"	Eleanor May, daughter to Charles A. and Nellie G. Collins.
Apr. 29,	"	Gladys Mildred, daughter to Charles A. and Nellie G. Collins.
May 8,	"	Florence Annie, daughter to Fred and Maud Turpin.
May 9,	"	Geoffrey Curtis, son to James H. and Mary J. Sargent.
June 18,	"	George, son to John F. and Margaret B. Morrow.
June 21,	"	Eleanor Marjorie, daughter to Edward A. and Alice G. Underhill.
July 8,	"	Robert Everett, son to Thaddeus E. and Mary F. McGlauflin.
July 16,	"	Gladys Evelyn, daughter to Alfred J. and Susie A. Hooper.

July 29, 1909.	Dorothy Alberta, daughter to George F. and Priscilla A. Cross.
Aug. 8, "	James Bertram, son to James and Janet Armstrong.
Aug. 12, "	Norman Everett, son to Ambrose E. B. and Susie E. Peatfield.
Aug. 14, "	Ellen, daughter to Harry L. and Lottie F. Edwards.
Aug. 20, "	Julia Elizabeth, daughter to Jeremiah and Nora J. Horgan.
Aug. 21, "	Julian Arthur, son to James and Florence Powers.
Sept. 11, "	Dorothy, daughter to Charles A. and Mary J. Hill.
Sept. 17, "	Jeannette Louise, daughter to Theodore and Maud L. Raymond.
Sept. 29, "	Francis Adelia, daughter to Benjamin C. and Henrietta Chase.
Oct. 5, "	Florence, daughter to John P. and Catherine F. McVay.
Oct. 9, "	Gladys Evelyn, daughter to Arthur E. and Mabel Whipple.
Oct. 11, "	Ruth, daughter to William W. and Bessie E. Bancroft.
Oct. 15, "	Hazel Esther, daughter to Millage E. and Emma J. Spidle.
Nov. 2, "	Mary Elizabeth, daughter to Harold M. and Lexina Dodge.
Nov. 24, "	Annie Rose, daughter to Cornelius and Rose Kelleher.
Nov. 24, "	Dorothy May, daughter to Frank and Mary T. Back.

Dec. 7, 1909.	Wyman Stafford, son to Hiram and Agnes Back.
Dec. 27, "	Domenico, son to Michael D. and Sarah M. Lucas.
Dec. 28, "	Watzwof, son to Charles and Mary Vronkofski.
Dec. 29, "	Lawrence Elmer, son to Perley G. and Grace Anderson.

Report of Cemetery Commissioners.

[Account closed December 31, 1909.]

At the last annual Town Meeting, George H. Gibney was elected cemetery commissioner for three years.

ORGANIZATION.

George K. Knowlton, Chairman,	Term expires, 1911
George H. Gibney, Secretary,	" " 1912
Frank C. Norton,	" " 1910

George E. Roberts, appointed superintendent of cemetery.

RECEIPTS.

Town appropriation for care of cemetery,		$400 00

EXPENSE.

Paid George E. Roberts, labor in cemetery,	$49 60	
Paid Emery Lawrence, balance due for grading avenue,	32 00	
		81 60
Balance unexpended,		$318 40

The commissioners recommend this balance to be carried over to 1910-11 for use of their department. If this is done no other appropriation will be necessary.

GEORGE K. KNOWLTON,
FRANK C. NORTON,
GEORGE H. GIBNEY,
Cemetery Commissioners.

PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORT.

In reviewing the work of the Public Library, since the last annual report, no marked changes are to be noted.

During the nine months from March 1, 1909 to December 31, 1909, the circulation has been more in numbers than during the whole of the previous year. The number of new cards added during the same time has been 121, which is a favorable report.

I regret to state, that, although there are many good books on our shelves—works of the best writers—which remain unused, the call for new "new books" is constantly increasing. We have not purchased as many books of late as is really necessary to supply the demand.

Attention has been called before to the suggestion box which is open to all, and although we cannot promise to

purchase every book suggested, yet it would be a great help if more patrons would make use of it. A great improvement has been made in the appearance of the Library rooms which is appreciated by all.

We wish to express thanks to all who have shown an interest in the Library by presenting books and magazines; to Mrs. Frank Norton, for books; to Mr. James Proctor, for box of magazines; to the Misses Agassiz, for a fine collection of books for young children. The Library was greatly in need of such books and they will be fully appreciated. We wish, also, to thank Mrs. Codman for a collection of photographs of foreign places, a book which is not only pleasing but instructive.

In our list of magazines there are some which are not read to any great extent, and the Librarian will gladly communicate to the Trustees any change in the list which the patrons may suggest.

GRACE C. STONE, *Librarian*,
For the Trustees.

STATISTICS IN CONNECTION WITH THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Total number of volumes, March, 1909,	5,625
" " " " added from March 1909, to December 31, 1909,	185
" " " " to December 31, 1909,	5,810

Number of volumes issued:—

	Fiction	History	Biography	Miscellaneous	Total.
March,	631	20	11	29	691
April,	449	23	13	20	505
May,	667	20	1	7	695
June,	608	15	9	13	645
July,	726	12	10	16	764
August,	541	5	3	14	563
September,	575	13	6	15	609
October,	727	24	6	22	779
November,	639	24	6	20	689
December,	657	24	6	5	692
	6220	180	71	161	6632

Number of magazines issued from March 1, 1909 to December 31, 1909,	1986
Number of cards added,	121
Amount collected for fines,	$1.76
" " " old magazines,	1.00

GRACE C. STONE,
Librarian.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

AUGUSTUS P. GARDNER, Treasurer in account with Trustees of Public Library at Hamilton, Mass., to Dec. 31, 1909.

DR.

March 1, 1909. Balance to credit of Library Trustees,	$456 21

December 26, 1909. Received from		
John L. Woodbury, town treasurer, amount appropriated at last annual town meeting, 1909,	$400 00	
Received from Grace C. Stone, Librarian, amount of fines to December 31, 1909,	1 76	
Received from Grace C. Stone, Librarian, for sale of old magazines,	1 00	
		$858 97

CR.

July 6, 1909. Paid Warrant No. 1.		
Charles H. Odell & Co., insurance,	$56 25	
Almy, Bigelow & Washburn, books,	81 97	
Grace C. Stone, salary,	37 50	
Grace C. Stone, cash expended and extra work,	12 00	
		$187 72
November 1. Paid Warrant No. 2,		
Almy, Bigelow & Washburn, books,	$20 94	
Newcomb & Gauss, cards,	5 50	
J. E. Warner, re-seating chairs,	1 50	
Grace C. Stone, salary,	37 50	
		$65 44
		$253 16

Balance to credit of Library Trustees, December 31, 1909,	$605 81
	$858 97

NOTE. In addition a warrant dated January 7, 1910, amounting to $104.24 has been paid and another warrant will be due before March 1, the date on which the Treasurer's Report has formerly been closed.

E. & O. E.

AUGUSTUS P. GARDNER, *Treasurer*,

TRUSTEES, HAMILTON PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Jan. 28, 1910.

AUGUSTUS P. GARDNER, Treasurer in account with Trustees of Public Library at Hamilton, Mass.

H. AUGUSTA DODGE FUND.

DR.

June 20, 1907. Received from John L. Woodbury, Town Treasurer, check for $1,000.00 for legacy from estate of the late Mrs. H. Augusta Dodge, for a free reading room in the Public Library in the Town of Hamilton, Mass.,	$1000 00

Dec. 31, 1909.	Interest to December 25, 1909,	$61 18	
			$1,061 18

CR.

Dec. 31, 1909.	Amount on deposit to credit of Library Trustees at Merchants National Bank, Salem, Mass.,	$1,061 18

AUGUSTUS P. GARDNER, *Treasurer*,

TRUSTEES, HAMILTON PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Jan. 28, 1910.

AUGUSTUS P. GARDNER, Treasurer in account with Trustees of Public Library at Hamilton, Mass.

DR. JUSTIN ALLEN FUND.

DR.

Jan. 8, 1910.	Received from Alden P. White, Administrator of the estate of the late Dr. Justin Allen of Topsfield, Massachusetts, the amount of bequest of the said Dr. Justin Allen to the Town of Hamilton to be invested as a permanent fund, the interest of which shall be expended annually for books for the free Public Library of that town,	$500 00

CR.

Jan. 1910.	Paid to John L. Woodbury, Treasurer of the Town of Hamilton, the above bequest,	$500 00

AUGUSTUS P. GARDNER, *Treasurer*,

TRUSTEES, HAMILTON PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Jan. 28, 1910.

Report of Park Commissioners.

(Closed December 31, 1909.)

At the last annual Town meeting Clarence S. Knowlton was elected park commissioner for two years in place of Rev. J. J. Goodacre who has moved out of town, and Frank C. Norton was elected for three years.

ORGANIZATION.

GEORGE K. KNOWLTON, chairman,	Term	expires	1910
CLARENCE S. KNOWLTON, secretary,	"	"	1911
FRANK C. NORTON,	"	"	1912

RECEIPTS.

Town appropriation,	$100 00

EXPENSES.

As legal work assigned to counsel has not been completed no money has been paid out.

The Commissioners have urged closing up the matter of obtaining possession of the Wigglesworth cemetery the present year, but it has not been done. We hope it will not be delayed much longer, and should the Town become possessor of the property the remains of about a dozen who are buried there will be transferred to the town cemetery. As it is impossible now to tell just how much this work and the legal expenses will be, the Commissioners recommend the present unexpended appropriation of one hundred dollars be carried over to next year for use of this department, and that an additional appropriation of one hundred dollars be made for the same.

George K. Knowlton,
Frank C. Norton,
Clarence S. Knowlton,
Park Commissioners.

List of Appropriations as recommended by the Selectmen.

Highways,	$4500 00
Street watering or oiling,	850 00
Street lighting,	2900 00
Road roller,	500 00
Guard rail,	200 00
Sidewalks,	400 00
Poor department,	1500 00
Soldiers' relief,	150 00
State aid,	950 00
Military aid,	150 00
Decoration day,	50 00
Town hall,	1000 00
Fire department,	400 00
Cemetery,	300 00
Tree Warden,	150 00
Salaries and fees,	3000 00
Police department,	800 00
Library,	400 00
Snow removing,	2000 00
Board of Health,	500 00
Brown-tail and gypsy moth,	2000 00
Town and School house loans,	1980 00
Cemetery loan,	1000 00
Interest on said loans,	900 00
Bonding Officers,	125 00
Assessors department,	250 00
Miscellaneous,	1500 00
Schools [See School Committee's report]	

Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

Essex, ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Hamilton.

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hamilton qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in said Town, on Tuesday, the eighth (8) day of March, nineteen hundred and ten, at six (6) o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following Articles,

ART. 1. To bring in your ballots for
Moderator for one year.
Town Clerk for one year.
Three Selectmen for one year.
Overseers of the Poor for one year.
Board of Health for one year.
Fence Viewers for one year.
Treasurer for one year.
Auditor for one year.
Tax Collector for one year.

Tree Warden for one year.
Six Constables for one year.
One Assessor for three years.
One School Committee for three years.
One School Committee for one year.
One Trustee Public Library for three years.
One Trustee Public Library for one year.
One Park Commissioner for three years.
One Cemetery Commissioner for three years.

And to vote on the following questions:

Shall Licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town for the coming year? Yes or No.

All on one Ballot. The Polls will open at six (6) o'clock and close at ten (10) o'clock in the forenoon.

Art. 2. To choose or appoint all other Town Officers in such manner as the Town may determine.

Art. 3. To hear the reports of the Town Officers and act thereon.

Art. 4. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the Town charges for the ensuing year.

Art. 5. To appropriate money for the repairs of highways, Town ways and bridges, and all other Town expenses, and to determine the manner of spending the same.

Art. 6. To see what action the Town will take towards macadamizing Asbury street from Main to or beyond Union street and to appropriate a sum of money for the same as petitioned for by Fred A. Nason and others.

Art. 7. To see what action the Town will take towards widening, straightening and grading School street and to appropriate a sum of money for the same as petitioned for by Isaac F. Knowlton and others.

Art. 8. To see what action the Town will take towards installing a telephone and electric lights in the South school and appropriate a sum of money for the same.

Art. 9. To see what action the Town will take towards authorizing the Board of Assessors to compile a valuation book of the Town of Hamilton and to publish the same on or before August 1, 1910, and to appropriate a sum of money not exceeding two hundred ($200.) dollars to defray the expenses thereof as petitioned for by Henry N. Hudson and others.

Art. 10. To see what action the Town will take toward accepting the Drinking fountain as presented by Houston A. Thomas, as petitioned for by Henry N. Hudson and others.

Art. 11. To see if the Town will vote to elect its Board of Selectmen according to the provisions of Sec. 367, of Chapter 560, of the Acts of 1907. And at the Annual Town Meeting of 1911, elect one

Selectman for the term of one year, one for the term of two years and one for the term of three years, and at each annual meeting thereafter elect one Selectman for the term of three years, as the term of office of each expires, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto, as petitioned for by Furman A. Smith and others.

Art. 12. To see whether the Town will vote to discontinue the Town way from Highland street to the house of William H. Dodge, and to authorize the Selectmen by majority to release the interest of the Town in the said Town way, and in the proprietors way so called, but without prejudice to any private rights of way that may exist.

Art. 13. To see if the Town will authorize the issue of Bonds or Notes of the Town for the purpose of erecting a High School building and acquiring land therefor and appropriate and authorize the expenditure of the proceeds of such bonds or notes for said purposes.

Art. 14. To see if the Town will authorize the issue of bonds or notes of the Town for the purpose of erecting an addition to the South school house and appropriate and authorize the expenditure of the proceeds of such bonds or notes for said purpose.

Art. 15. To see if the Town will accept the legacy of the late Zerviah B. Dane to the Town of Hamilton, and authorize the Cemetery Commissioners to

act as trustees of the said legacy and to use the income of said legacy in accordance with the provisions of said will.

Art. 16. To see if the Town will authorize the trustees of the Public Library to act as trustees of the legacy left by the will of the late Justin Allen of Topsfield, and to use the income therefrom in accordance with the provisions of said will.

Art. 17. To see what action the Town will take towards appropriating a sum of money not to exceed fifty ($50.) for the purpose of observing Decoration day by the Soldiers of the Rebellion.

Art. 18. To see what action the Town will take towards fixing the salary of the Town Officials.

Art. 19. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow during the current municipal year beginning March 8, 1910, in anticipation of the taxes for said municipal year such sums of money as may be necessary to meet the current expenses of the Town giving the note or notes of the Town therefor.

Art. 20. To see if the Town will authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting taxes which a Town Treasurer when appointed Collector may use agreeable to Chapter 25, Sec. 75, of the Revised Laws.

Art. 21. To determine what time tax bills shall be issued and taxes become due, and take any action thereon.

Art. 22. To act on any other matter that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Meeting House, one at the Town Hall and one at the South Hamilton Post-Office in said Town, seven days at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty-first day of February, A. D., 1910.

George H. Gibney,
C. Augustus Norwood,
Houston A. Thomas,
Selectmen of Hamilton.

SCHOOL REPORT

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF HAMILTON

1909-1910

SALEM, MASS.
BARRY PRINTING CO.
1910

School Committee's Report.

Annual report of the School Committee of the Town of Hamilton, 1909-1910.

ORGANIZATION.

George K. Knowlton, Chairman,	Term expires	1910
*Everett A. Smith, Secretary,	" "	1911
Edwin A. Blake, D. D.,	" "	1912

Andrew S. Thomson, Superintendent.
George K. Knowlton, Purchasing Agent.

*Mr. Smith having moved out of Town, on July 7th a joint meeting of the Selectmen and School Committee was held and Houston A. Thomas was appointed to fill the vacancy till the next annual Town meeting.

REPORT.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

(Closed December 31, 1909.)

Amount appropriated for Schools,	$9,700 00
Received from State on account of Superintendent,	375 00

Received from State, tuition State ward,	$19 00	
Received from City of Boston, tuition City wards,	76 00	
Received from Town of Ipswich, tuition two scholars,	30 00	
Dog Tax,	310 89	
Appropriation for Ash vault,	200 00	
		$10,710 89
Balance from last year,		339 95
		$11,050 84

PAID TEACHERS.

Mr. Gay W. Felton,	$425 00
Miss Harriet E. Boynton,	520 00
Mrs. Mattie P. Buell,	509 19
Miss Louise E. Dearing,	417 90
" Edith L. Fletcher,	407 95
" Ada E. Moulton,	376 35
" Ruth W. Carpenter,	160 00
" Isabel Woodman,	160 00
" Elsie M. Baker,	168 96
Mrs. Grace C. Stone,	326 50
" Grace O. Lamson,	10 00
" Alice E. Andrews,	10 00
Miss Nelly G. Cutting,	305 46
Mr. Edwin C. Barnes,	54 00
" Henry G. Blount,	420 00
Miss Lillian E. Eaton,	280 00
" Marcia A. Gordon,	189 45

Miss Eloise A. Pitcher,	$157 50	
" Emma D. Bowker,	180 00	
" Harriette A. Wetherbee,	39 45	
Mr. Henry L. Stone,	57 00	
		$5,174 71

PAID FOR CARE OF SCHOOLHOUSES.

James H. Perron,	$565 00	
Sylvester Day,	30 00	
Mrs. A. F. Lougee,	17 60	
John E. Cox, Jr.,	30 50	
Silas W. Grant,	24 00	
Charles E. Grant,	6 00	
James E. Poole,	4 00	
		$677 10

PAID FOR FUEL.

T. A. Moynihan,	$250 75	
Sprague, Breed & Brown,	266 84	
Isaac F. Knowlton,	35 50	
Everett A. Smith,	16 00	
George M. Adams,	10 50	
		$579 59

PAID FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Edward E. Babb & Co.,	$349 10
Ginn & Co.,	139 20
Remington Typewriter Co.,	108 00
D. C. Heath & Co.,	64 69

L. E. Knott, Apparatus Co.,	$24 71	
Horace E. Andrews,	21 10	
American Book Co.,	13 71	
Milton Bradley Co.,	10 93	
Silver, Burdette & Co.,	2 07	
C. W. Horneper & Co.,	39	
		$733 70

MISCELLANEOUS.

Charles A. Peterson, stock and labor on schoolhouse,	$132 37
C. H. Davis, M. D., school physician, 1908,	85 85
Robert Robertson Co., plumbing and heating work,	60 68
American Seating Co., desks,	51 60
W. B. Badger & Co., furniture,	46 00
A. C. Cummings, carriage, teaming and freight,	53 71
T. A. Moynihan, removing ashes and other teaming,	35 25
F. P. Trussell, stock and repairs on schoolhouses,	34 89
W. L. Smith, stove work,	39 15
S. C. Gould, school room supplies,	24 66
Standard Oil Co., floor oil,	22 63
A. B. Towle, repairs schoolhouse,	14 05
J. W. Goodhue, hardware supplies,	23 51
W. G. Webber Co., window shades,	11 93
Daniel Pratt's Son, clocks,	10 50

Henry Bushek, inspection of boilers,	$10 00
Mrs. A. F. Lougee, labor in schoolhouses,	9 50
Annie Curran, labor in schoolhouses,	3 50
E. A. Day, labor in schoolhouses,	5 00
Mrs. J. Hart, labor in schoolhouses,	3 00
C. E. Doner, filling diplomas,	3 00
E. A. Lane, paint,	1 35
Owen E. McQueeny & Son, schoolroom supplies,	2 50
Sylvester Day, labor on school yards,	5 15
A. J. McGinley, school room supplies,	3 00
J. A. Smith, cleaning clocks,	6 75
F. C. Schaller, printing,	9 50
Hopkinson & Holden, school room supplies,	8 75
Zina Goodell, boiler room supplies,	3 00
Rider-Ericsson Engine Co., supplies,	6 55
L. E. Libby, envelopes,	3 23
Kimball Dry Goods Co., school room supplies,	7 30
S. E. McGlauflin, services as truant officer,	4 00
Everett A. Smith, labor at West school,	2 00
F. P. Stanton, school room supplies,	2 65
Barry Printing Co., printing,	8 25
G. W. Felton, printing,	3 25
J. Breck & Sons Corporation, boiler room supplies,	1 00
Geo. T. Litchfield, services as truant officer,	80

J. H. Perron, cash paid out,	$1 05	
A. S. Thomson, extra expenses in school work,	15 65	
John G. Corcoran, M. D., school physician, 1909,	13 25	
George K. Knowlton, time and expense on account of supplies, teachers, extra work and cash paid out,	49 14	
George K. Knowlton, taking school census,	15 00	
		$853 90

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid Andrew S. Thomson	$320 00

TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOLARS.

Paid Boston & Maine Railroad Co.,	$81 50	
Boston & Northern Street Railway Co.,	10 00	
Frank G. Durkee,	26 00	
W. A. Brumby,	23 80	
A. T. Poole,	20 40	
Peter Duran,	17 40	
Alexander Crowley,	8 65	
S. W. Grant,	12 00	
F. P. Trussell,	3 90	
F. B. Johnson,	3 90	
W. H. Ramsdell,	70	
G. O. Lamson,	2 50	
		$210 75

TUITION.

Paid Town of Ipswich for one scholar in High School,		$30 00

SPECIAL APPROPRIATION.

For ash vault at South schoolhouse,		$200 00
Paid T. A. Moynihan for construction of ash vault,	$208 00	
Edwin B. Balcomb, architect,	42 03	
George K. Knowlton, time and expense,	5 20	
		255 23
Balance overdrawn,		$55 23

The following explanation is necessary in order to show the full cost of the ash vault.

In consulting an architect it was found that an iron and brick top for the ash vault would be much superior to one of wood, which was contemplated when the appropriation of two hundred dollars was asked for, but that it would cost much more than this amount of money.

The committee consulted the board of selectmen in the matter and they very kindly agreed to pay two hundred dollars of the cost.

This enabled the committee to have a first class vault constructed for immediate use, the full cost to the Town being $455.23.

The money was well expended, as the ashes are not wanted on the school ground, and the cost of removing them was fully equal to the interest on the cost of the vault.

Now they can probably be removed every year without any cost to the Town, at any rate the ashes making this year are already spoken for to be removed without any charge to the Town.

GROSS RECEIPTS.

Town appropriation for schools,	$9,700 00	
Town appropriation for ash vault,	200 00	
From State on account of Superintendent,	375 00	
From State, tuition for State ward,	19 00	
City of Boston, tuition for City wards,	76 00	
Town of Ipswich, tuition,	30 00	
Dog tax,	310 89	
Balance from 1908-9,	339 95	
		$11,050 84

GROSS EXPENSE.

Paid for teachers,	$5,174 71	
Care of schoolhouses,	677 10	
Fuel,	579 59	
School Supplies,	733 90	
Miscellaneous,	853 90	
Superintendent,	320 00	
Transportation of scholars,	211 90	
Tuition High School scholar,	30 00	
Ash vault,	255 23	
		8,836 33
		$2,214 51

Received of Alexander Crowley, rebate on tuition,	$5 00
Received of D. C. Heath & Co., special discount on school supplies,	14 68
Balance unexpended, carried over to 1910-11,	$2,233 19
George K. Knowlton, balance on hand for scholars' tickets,	$6 50

Insurance.

Insurance on four district school houses will expire May 12, 1910.

An appropriation of forty dollars is recommended for its renewal.

ESTIMATES FOR SCHOOLS, 1910-11.

The following is a careful estimate of the amount of money that should be raised and appropriated for all public school purposes by the Town for the year 1910-11,	$10,800 00

REPORT OF TRUANT OFFICER.

To the School Committee of Hamilton:

Gentlemen:—I herewith submit my report as Truant Officer for 1909.

Have had only one complaint, that was for child being absent from school, I investigated the case and notified

parents that the child must attend school regular. Have had no further complaint, so suppose scholar is in school.

Respectfully,

George T. Litchfield,

Truant Officer.

At the last annual Town meeting it was voted to close the fiscal year December 31. This enables the various departments to have their manuscript ready for the printer much earlier than in previous years.

While the town reports this year will not show a full financial year, it will establish a new rendering of accounts, so that the town reports can be printed and distributed two or more weeks at least before the annual Town meeting in the month of March.

In our report to the citizens of the town we wish to express our appreciation of the work and educational progress which has been made during the past year under the direction of an efficient corps of teachers.

But we should be satisfied with nothing less than this, as, according to the last report of the State Board of Education, the Town of Hamilton is paying its female teachers an average wage per month more than any other town in Essex County, excepting six, and several of these are very wealthy, also comparatively few towns in the State are paying female teachers as much as we do.

It will be noticed that a larger appropriation for the schools is asked for this year. This is owing to the fact that the valuation of the Town having exceeded three and a half millions of dollars, we must now pay from our own treasury the three hundred and seventy-five dollars that the State has been paying for us towards the salary of the Superintendent of Schools.

Also that another room for grammar grades has been opened in the South school, costing five hundred dollars for an additional teacher; and the probable need of another teacher in the High School next September, when the full five years' course of study will be established.

We shall then be running eleven schools with fourteen regular teachers.

As the report of the Superintendent gives the details of the condition of the schools, we will here turn our attention to the matter of additional room for our scholars.

We have plenty of seat room for all scholars in Town excepting for the High School, and we are now confronted with the question, what shall we do for them?

It has been known for several years that we were fast coming to this condition of need.

It will probably be necessary at some time to erect a High School building, and when this is done it should be a good one, and would probably cost not less than thirty-five thousand dollars.

Now we are in no financial condition to do this, the town is yet owing about twenty thousand dollars on the debt for the South schoolhouse and Town hall.

To put up such a building as should be erected would increase the indebtedness of the Town to nearly fifty-five

thousand dollars, and a majority of the committee do not feel justified in recommending this burden to be put upon the tax-payers of the Town.

Therefore the following course for additional school room is recommended by a majority of the school board.

It is very practical to add two rooms to the South schoolhouse on the north end, at the High School entrance, at an estimated cost of six thousand five hundred dollars.

This would give the High School a sufficient amount of room for several years; probably until the present debt of nearly twenty thousand dollars would be paid.

This addition could be completed in season for use at the opening of the schools next September, and would furnish sufficient room for perfect arrangement and classification of all grades in the High School.

In the rooms of the present grammar grades there are now more than fifty spare sittings. In 1911 graduation from the High School will begin, and this will tend to prevent any serious congestion in the grammar grades for several years.

In the matter of economy, the care and heating of these additional rooms will be at a minimum.

A majority of the committee therefore recommend an appropriation of seven thousand dollars for the addition and seating of two additional rooms to the South schoolhouse.

The committee is pleased to present the following letter from Mr. L. E. Libby, a former member of the school board, and to express our thanks to him for the splendid portrait of Abraham Lincoln, which now hangs in the High School room.

South Hamilton, Mass., March 4, 1909.

Messrs. George K. Knowlton, Chairman, and
Everett A. Smith, Secretary of Hamilton School Board,

DEAR SIRS :—My three years term on your board being about to expire, wishing to add something to our now small collection of pictures in our school rooms, with your kind consent, and with the hope that it may be of benefit to the scholars, I have placed in the South school building a picture of Abraham Lincoln, to be hereafter kept in such places as you and future boards may see fit.

Thanking you for considerations shown me while on your board, I am,

Truly yours,

LESTER E. LIBBY.

GEORGE K. KNOWLTON,
EDWIN A. BLAKE,
HOUSTON A. THOMAS,
School Committee.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools.

Gentlemen of the School Committee :

It affords me pleasure to submit to you this my eighth annual report as superintendent of the schools of the town.

In making a report at this time, approximately the middle of the school year, we must of necessity cover the second half of the last school year, from January to June, and the former half of the present, from September to January ; and in planning for the year to come there must be a look ahead to ascertain the conditions of the schools for the next school year. It must also be borne in mind that by the law of the Commonwealth the statistical tables of school attendance cover the school year ending June 1909.

CLOSING EXERCISES.

The graduating exercises of the grammar schools were held at the Town Hall on June 18, at which twenty pupils were given diplomas. Nineteen of these pupils entered the High School in September, which shows an earnest and ambitious spirit existing among pupils and parents. The value of a High School training is everywhere apparent.

There was no graduating class in the High School, nor will there be until June 1911, but the closing exercises of the school were held, which were very pleasing and showed care in preparation as well as much drill in the productions rendered.

GENERAL CONDITION.

The schools of the town are having an unusually prosperous year. It has been some time since the teaching corps has shown so many strong teachers. Our district school teachers are efficient. The East school, which has given some trouble during the past few years, is in a most respectful and orderly condition; and the work is progressing in a thorough and accurate manner.

AN EXTRA TEACHER.

Soon after the opening of the school in September it was evident that the classes in the South building were too large, accordingly one of the rooms which had been used as a class room by the High School pupils was fitted up with desks and seats and another school established. This extra teacher reduced the average number of pupils to the teacher in South building to about thirty-five pupils each. Since Thanksgiving we have had six teachers in the graded schools. This gives the teachers a better opportunity to drill the backward pupils and to bring the grades up to a good standard. The work being done in these schools is a credit to the town and in the fundamental branches will be found equal to the best.

BUSINESS COURSE ESTABLISHED.

In September the time had arrived when the commercial course should be established in the High School. A third teacher was secured to teach these subjects. Two typewriters were purchased and classes in stenography, typewriting, bookkeeping, commercial geography and penmanship were begun. The present indications point that this department will be one of the largest and most popular in the school, as well as practical and useful. The requirements will be such that pupils will not elect these studies in the hope of finding what are commonly termed "snap" courses. The commercial course is largely confined to the last two years in the High School work, the 12th and 13th grades. During the present year the business teacher has had but the beginning grade, in commercial work, the 12th, so that she has been enabled to take subjects outside her department. Next year, when there will be a first and second year in this department, the commercial studies will take all the time of one teacher. At the present time the High School work completely occupies the time of the three teachers ; with the addition of another class next year it seems probable that a fourth teacher will have to be added.

INCREASED ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL.

At present the High School department in the South building has for its use two class rooms, a small laboratory in the basement, and two very small coat rooms. These small rooms are of no use when a class numbers more than six pupils and then they are too small for any satisfactory work.

Plans should be made at this present town meeting for a High School building to be ready for use one year from next September.

In order to make it possible to accommodate the classes for the next year, the partition between the halls and the small rooms should be removed. This will make these rooms five feet longer and will give room for some of the smaller classes.

PENNY SAVINGS.

The penny saving system has been continued by the teachers in the South Hamilton building because it is believed that learning the habit to save is as important as knowledge of any subject matter. The system has been started only within recent years yet we are confident that both pupils and parents appreciate the effort and will assist in every way within their ability. The money collected is deposited in the Beverly Savings Bank and the interest is used to defray incidental expenses. When the amount deposited by a pupil reaches three dollars, a bank book is given the depositor who then becomes an individual holder of a bank account. The system was originally begun in our schools by the W. C. T. U. who felt they could no longer continue the work, which as before stated, is now in the hands of one of the teachers of the school. If the postal saving system becomes a law, the money can be deposited with the U. S Government instead of the Savings Bank.

TEACHERS ENTERTAINMENT COURSE.

It is universally recognized that we learn more through the power of vision than by that of any other sense. This

has led the teachers and superintendent to make an effort to purchase a stereoptican reflectoscope for the purpose of illustrating the subjects of geography and history, and for assisting in the science work.

A course of five entertainments was organized, two by the school, and three by outside talent. It appears from present indications that over one hundred dollars will be netted. The instrument will cost two hundred dollars, and it does not seem too much to ask, to request the town to appropriate the balance.

NO SCHOOL SIGNAL.

Now that the new bell has been placed in the tower of the Union Church Chapel, a "no school" signal could be sounded upon days when it is unfit for the children to come out to school.

THE VALUE OF HIGH SCHOOL TRAINING.

The question of the economic administration of a High School has many view points. There are those who take little interest in the rapid growth of high schools during the past few years. They feel that the growth is due to a lowering of standards of admittance and that the unfit are allowed to enter. They urge "Weed out the unfit at the beginning, much to the relief of both teachers and taxpayers." Although this may be the "way of least resistance," it has the weight of opinion of the most enlightened educators against it, and with reason.

In the first place it requires more than a brief interview to separate the "fit" from the "unfit," especially is this so

with children of the grammar school age. The plodder, who, with greatest difficulty, can do very low passing work, reaps greater personal benefit, and in many cases will prove himself a far more helpful member of society than some brilliant boy who acquires readily, yet wastes his time and talents. Therefore, mere attainment, at a given instant, is not a true test of distinction between the fit and the unfit.

There is a strong consensus of opinion that even the most unpromising pupils receive much benefit from their attendance at a good high school. The most valuable results in such cases cannot be measured by marks, or a definite amount of knowledge skilfully injected. Rather is it the broadened outlook, the inspiration from certain subjects otherwise unknown, the general raising of ideals and interests in life, which, priceless to the individual recipient, are equally invaluable to the nation when multiplied by the thousands which we have to estimate.

It is becoming more and more to be recognized that when a pupil has culled out of a certain grade or school all that there is in it for him he should be admitted to the next school. No pupil should be allowed to remain in any school, especially a high school, who constantly fails to improve the opportunities offered. The number of such will be very few when our High School courses become as broad as the needs of the pupils. As long as a pupil puts forth an honest effort there should be work provided which he can do with benefit to himself and with satisfaction to his teachers. The educational systems of the past have been exclusively or largely for the advancement of the intellectually endowed. We claim this to be both undemocratic, and fatal to the highest development of society at large. We unchangingly advocate

system and methods which are adapted to bring the greatest good to the faithful workers, even the least gifted; and to abolish caste distinctions based upon intellectual gifts. This seems a correct philosophy in a democratic institution, supported by the people and for the benefit of all.

This does not presuppose a lowering of standards of scholarship, but does mean adapting our methods and courses of study to the needs of the individual, so that each, so far as in him lies the power and inclination, may attain some degree of scholarship. The wilfully negligent should not be maintained in any school. Parents and pupils alike ought understand that regular attendance, earnest devotion to work, and an evident capacity to grasp the work of a higher grade, should form the basis of promotion.

CHANGE OF TEACHERS.

The changes in the corps of teachers for the current year are here recorded. Mr. Felton, principal of the High School, resigned in June to take a position in Littleton, New Hampshire. Mr. H. Gardner Blount, a teacher of four years' experience was secured for the High School. Mr. Blount is meeting with success in the school and has shown great interest in the social betterment of the community.

Miss Lillian Eaton, a teacher of excellent experience in Cushing Academy, was obtained for the Business department and we are confident that the graduates of her department will be well prepared to compete ably in the business world.

Other teachers new to our force this year are Miss Marcia Gordon, of the South Primary; Miss Eloise Pitcher, at the West; Miss Emma D. Bowker, at the East; and Miss

Hariette Wetherbee of the fifth grade at the South building. Each of these teachers is accomplishing commendable work.

MUSIC AND DRAWING.

The work in music has been much enthused by our supervisor, Mr. Henry L. Stone, who suggests in his report that he can do more efficient work if more time is allowed him. We have been without a drawing teacher during the last year. This should not be continued for another year.

In conclusion I beg to extend to the members of the committee my sincere thanks for their many courtesies and generous support during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

ANDREW S. THOMSON,

Superintendent of Schools.

Mr. Andrew S. Thomson,

Superintendent of Schools:

DEAR SIR:—I want to thank you for the opportunity you have given me of making this report, since it enables me to thank those who have supported me in my work and bring before the parents the needs of their children.

To you, sir, and to the members of the school board, I desire to express my appreciation for all that has been done to make my efforts successful and my work happy. You have supported me generously.

I am grateful, also, to the teachers of the building who have always helped me by their co-operation in the solution of problems of discipline. I am sure that a perfect spirit of

harmony has existed, a condition, which is so necessary for good work.

This spirit, too, the pupils have and because of it they are doing good work. Decided improvement may be noted both in discipline and schoralship. I believe the boys and girls in Hamilton have great possibilities in them which may be developed by careful training. I wish to commend in them their willingness to work and the cheerfulness with which they have supported the teachers.

At your suggestion, and with your help, the teachers of the South school have organized and supported a course of entertainments. Three of these have already been given with marked success, for which we desire to thank the people of the community. We invite them to attend the remaining two. It is our desire to raise money enough to purchase a reflectoscope for the use of the schools in the building. This will be an invaluable aid to our scientific department and to nature work.

A business course has been set in operation this year and carried on in an efficient manner by the instructor of the department. It is hoped that this will be fostered and increased in strength and occupy a prominent place in the High School curriculum as it deserves. Thus pupils will be enabled to obtain a good business training and be materially equipped for life.

On the other hand, I would like to urge the necessity of maintaining strong departments in English, Science, Mathematics, History, and the languages, in order that there may be fostered in the youth a desire for the higher training which fits him so admirably for life. Abundant provision has been made for these departments and I trust the community may see their fruits in the years to come.

I would like to urge upon the parents the necessity of home study for their children. Since the one session school system is employed very little time to study in school is given the pupil. His recitations on most days occupy more than two thirds of the time. I believe that not less than two hours outside study should be done and this is absolutely necessary for the intellectual welfare of the school. Parents, will you not see that children conform to this suggestion?

Regular attendance, also, is to be sought, for if the continuity of work is broken a pupil is liable to lose interest.

I congratulate the citizens of Hamilton upon the start they have made in the maintainance of a High School, and all officers connected with its management and assure them of the hearty interest of the teachers in its progress.

Respectfully submitted,

H. G. Blount,

Principal of High School.

Mr. A. S. Thomson, Superintendent of Schools:

Dear Sir:—Some improvement is shown in the music of the schools of Hamilton, particularly in respect to the spirit in which the songs and exercises are sung. Very much however, is still to be desired. The tone production is not what it should be, neither is the sight singing, and the knowledge of the rudiments of music is rather limited. I am doing all I can to better conditions, and feel that I should be successful if only more time were allowed me. Nine hours a year to a room are not enough to bring about any great change in the rather chaotic condition I found the schools in at the beginning of the school year. For the work to be well done I deem a day and a half a week necessary.

I feel grateful to the teachers for the work they have put in on music and for the courtesy they have always shown me. The pupils, too, deserve my thanks for their cheerfulness and their willingness to be guided in the appreciation of the divinest of the arts.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY L. STONE.

SCHOOL CALENDAR.

TO JUNE, 1910.

March 25.	All schools close for spring vacation.
April 5.	All schools open for spring term.
June 17.	Grade schools close for summer vacation.
June 24.	High school closes for summer vacation.

SCHOOL CENSUS, SEPTEMBER 1909.

Number of children in town between five and fifteen years of age.

Boys,	190	
Girls,	160	
Total,		350

Number of children in town between seven and fourteen years of age.

Boys,	148	
Girls,	120	
Total,		268

Number of illiterate minors over 14,	0
Number of blind,	0
Number of deaf,	1
Number of feeble-minded,	0

EYE AND EAR TEST.

Number enrolled,	301
Number defective in eyesight,	36
Number defective in hearing,	15
Number notices sent to parents,	39

ROLL OF HONOR.

The numbers before the names show the number of terms pupils have not been absent.

East School.

3 Agnes Choate
1 Catherine Curran
2 Daniel Curran
1 Elizabeth Curran
3 Norman Day
3 Caroline DeWitt
1 Frank Minard
1 Edward DeWitt
1 Ethel Edwards
1 Herbert Wood

South, Grades V and VI.

3 Harold McQueeney
2 Rowland Dufton
1 Elsie Adams
2 Eva Chase
1 Melissa Porter
1 Robert Chittick
1 Maud Costello
1 Mary Sculley

South, Grade IV.

1 Marion Crowley
1 Scott Libby
1 Walter Ramsdell
1 Rudolph Smerrage
1 Charles Stone
2 Thomas Burnes
1 Ernest Tuck
1 Elsie Abbott
1 Jordon Crocker

South, Grades II and III.

2 James Chisholm
2 Frank Crowley
2 Hermon Herrick
2 Arthur Norrow
1 Francis Moynihan
2 Theodore Nutter
Gladys Smerrage
William Stone
Charles Peterson,
Myrtle Conrad
Teddy Holland
Laurence Miller

South Primary.

2 Harry Stillson
1 Francis Cunningham

South Grammar.

3 Olive Conrad
1 Jennie Herrick
3 Ralph Hayes
1 Sophie Koloski
2 Willie Taylor
3 Furber Libby
1 Houston Lovett
2 Abbie McGlauflin
2 Florence Peatfield
3 Elsie Russell
3 Frank Ramsdell

North School.

2 Madeline Appleton
2 Roland Appleton
1 Wm. Cox

Center School.

Leslie Tinkham
Elizabeth Wallace
Bertha Johnson

West School.

1 Augustine Drew
1 Hugh Duran
1 John Duran
1 Rea Goldthwait
1 Willard Goldthwait
3 Warren Grant
Olive Harraden
2 James Hart
1 Harold Roper
1 Howard Roper
2 Sylvester Sullivan
1 Pauline Taylor
1 Roger Taylor

CLASS OF 1909.

HAMILTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

GRADUATING EXERCISES,

TOWN HALL, HAMILTON, FRIDAY, JUNE 18, AT 2 P. M.

Program

March

Piano Solo, Second Mazurka, Benj. Godard (Op. 54)
MAY WELLS FREAR

Invocation
REV. E. A. BLAKE, PH. D.

Chorus, "Morning Song" Franz Abt
GRADES VII AND VIII

Essay, "Our Favorite Poet" Original
ANGELINE RUPHELLE CROCKER

Essay, "Acadia and the Acadians" Original
CLARENCE MATTHEWS GIBNEY

Selection from "Evangeline," . . . . . Longfellow

PART I

Canto 1 Grand Pre and its Inhabitants.
IRVING LESLIE PEATFIELD WILLIAM LEO BRUMBY

Canto 2 By Benedict's Fireside.

Canto 3 The Ceremony of Betrothal.
MARY FLORENCE PEATFIELD WILL HOWARD RAMSDELL
LESTER STEPHEN DURKEE GARDNER BURNHAM LOW

Canto 4 The Tragic Ending of the Betrothal Feast.
LESTER STEPHEN DURKEE WILLIAM W. L. TAYLOR

Canto 5 At the Gaspereau's Mouth.
MARTHA EUNICE POOLE ALBERTA FRANCES DURAN

Chorus, "Glorious Sunlight," C. Vincent
GRADES VII AND VIII, assisted by
MISSES CHASE, HILL, FREAR AND WILLIAMS

PART II

Canto 1 Prolonged Separation of the Lovers.
ELSIE AMELIA RUSSELL

Canto 2 Down the Mississippi.

Canto 3 The Home of Basil, the Herdsman.
JOHN HOUSTON LOVETT

Canto 4 — The Hopeless Quest.
ABBIE RICHARDSON MCGLAUFLIN — OLIVE CARRIE CONRAD

Canto 5 — The Quest Ended.
OLIVE CARRIE CONRAD — JENNIE GERTRUDE HERRICK

Trio, "Snow Flakes." — F. H. Cowen
MEMBERS OF GRADUATING CLASS

Recitation, "The Deacon's Masterpiece," — Holmes
FRANK HAYES RAMSDELL

Duet, Ben Hur Chariot Race, — E. T. Paull
WILLIAM LEO BRUMBY — ABBIE RICHARDSON MCGLAUFLIN

Recitation, "The High Tide," — Anonymous
ETHEL MAY CHASE

Chorus, "Welcome Pretty Primrose." — Ciro Pinsuti
GRADES VII AND VIII

Address, ... REV. C. R. SMALL

Award of Diplomas, ... GEO. K. KNOWLTON
Chairman of School Committee.

Benediction, ... REV. A. D. GORHAM

Class Colors: Green and White.

CLASS MOTTO.

"Do Right Because it is Right."

GRADUATES.

William Leo Brumby,
Ethel May Chase,
Angeline Ruphelle Crocker,
Olive Carrie Conrad,
Lester Stephen Durkee,
Alberta Frances Duran,
May Wells Frear,
Clarence Matthews Gibney,
Jennie Gertrude Herrick,
Gardner Burnham Low,
John Houston Lovett,
Abbie Richardson McGlauflin,
Mary Florence Peatfield,
Martha Eunice Poole,
Irving Leslie Peatfield,
Will Howard Ramsdell,
Elsie Amelia Russell,
Frank Hayes Ramsdell,
William Wallace Lincoln Taylor.

HAMILTON HIGH SCHOOL.

CLOSING EXERCISES.

TOWN HALL, THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 24, 1909, 7.45 P. M.

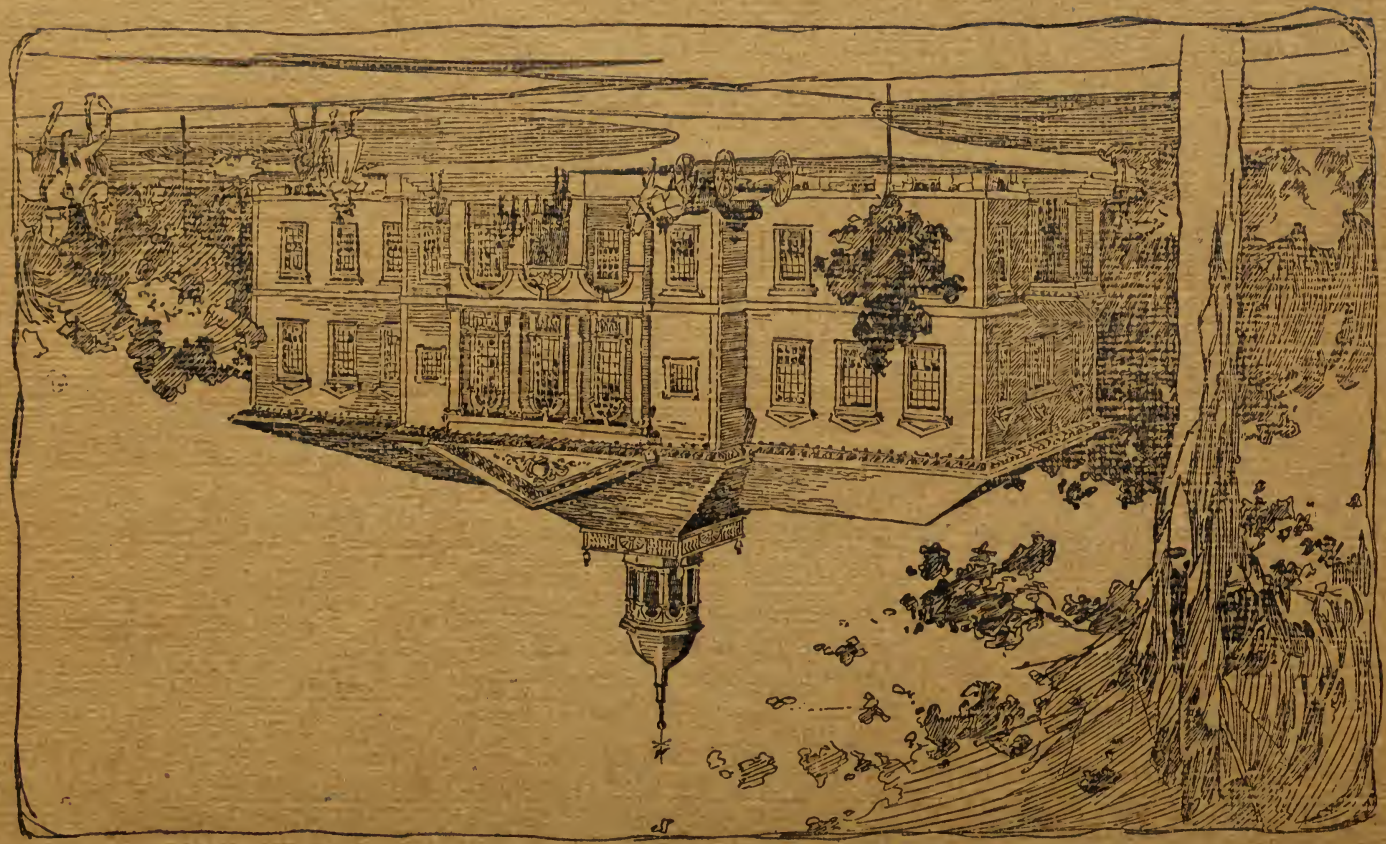
Program

Piano Solo,	Miserere, PAULINE CHANDLER	Krug
Invocation		
Chorus,	"The Song of the Bells," HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS	Aldwych
Declamation,	"The Monroe Doctrine," EARL ELMER JOHNSON	Thurston
Recitation,	"Little Christel," LENA ALLEN HARRADEN	Bradley
Piano Solo,	"Kiss Your Hand," EDWIN LESTER BARKER	Heins
Recitation,	"The Old Actor's Story," GLADYS MINERVA SMITH	Anonymous
Declamation,	"The Traitor's Remorse," JOSEPH WALLACE COSTELLO	Lippard
Semi-Chorus,	"There's Music in the Air," MISSES CROSS, DODGE, LIBBY, LOW, MCGLAUFLIN, PETERSON, TAYLOR	Anonymous
Recitation,	"Mr. Brown's Hair Cut," LILLIAN JOSEPHINE GILLESPIE	Anonymous
Declamation,	"The Last Charge of Ney," PERCIVAL DODGE WHIPPLE	Headley
Piano Duet,	"Clayton's Grand March," MISSES CUMMINGS AND HORAN	Blake
Recitation,	"The Leap at Bayou Carr," FLORENCE REID SCHALLER	Barr
Declamation,	"The Book Agent Beats the Bandit," THOMAS STEENES JONES	Anonymous

Semi-Chorus,	"Spring Song." Misses Cross, Dodge, Libby, Low, McGlauflin, Peterson, Taylor	Mendelssohn
Recitation	"Brier-Rose," Cora Elizabeth Hill	Boyesen
Declamation,	"The Unknown Speaker," Rufus Winn Barrett	Anonymous
Piano Solo,	"Invitation a La Polka," Ruby Prime Hayes	Bender
Address,	Rev. Edwin Alonzo Blake, Ph. D., S. T. D.	
Chorus,	"The Fairies' Moonlight Dance." High School Girls	Grech

Benediction

TEACHERS, SCHOOLS, SALARIES, ETC., SEPTEMBER, 1909

Teachers	Schools	Grades	Salaries per Year	Where Educated
Mr. H. Gardner Blount	High School	IX—XIII	$1,050	Bates College
Miss Harriett E. Boynton	High School		625	Salem Normal
Miss Lillian E. Eaton	High School		700	Business College
Miss Mattie P. Buell	South	VII—VIII	650	Hyde Park High
Miss Louise E. Dearing	South	VI	525	Vermont Normal
Miss Harriett A. Wetherbee	South	V	500	Emerson College
Miss Ada E. Moulton	South	IV	500	Salem Normal
Miss Edith L. Fletcher	South	II—III	500	Salem Normal
Miss Marcie A. Gordon	South	I	500	Farmington Normal
Miss Nellie G. Cutting	Center	I—VII	400	Salem Normal
Miss Grace M. Stone	North	I—VII	400	Ipswich High
Miss Emma D. Bowker	East	I—VII	450	Boston High
Miss Eloise A. Pitcher	West	I—VII	380	Weymouth High
Mr. Henry L. Stone	Music			Harvard College

NAMES OF SCHOOLS	Months and Days	Number Enrolled	Boys Enrolled	Girls Enrolled	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per Cent of Attendance	Number between ages 5 and 15	Number between ages 7 and 17	Number over 15	Number under 5
High School	9-17	26	6	20	24	23	93	12	5	14	0
Grammar School	9-8	39	15	24	34	32	92	35	27	4	0
South Grades V and IV	9-8	48	22	26	48	46	93	48	48	0	0
South Grade IV	9-8	37	23	14	33	29	89	37	36	0	0
South Grades II and III	9-8	44	27	17	43	40	93	44	37	0	0
South Grade I	9-8	46	33	13	33	28	85	46	46	0	0
Center School	9-8	20	12	8	17	15	88	18	15	0	0
West School	9-5	26	15	11	23	21	94	25	23	0	0
East School	9-6	34	20	14	33	28	87	34	23	0	0
North School	9-5	15	10	5	14	13	92	14	11	0	1
Total and Averages		335	183	152	302	275	96	312	271	18	1